

What is claimed is

1. An inscribing position (BP) of a laser beam that is controlled in terms of two coordinates and its intensity, wherein one photoelectric barrier-controlled driven pair of transport and pressure rollers (1,2; 3,4) is disposed in each case on the infeed side and outfeed side, and the credit card (C) is properly positioned for inscribing in each case aligned in parallel lateral guide tracks (5, 6), characterized in that the guide tracks (5, 6) are disposed in a turning means (7), which is disposed between the roller pairs (1,2; 3,4) together with a transfer conveyor (8, 12) whereby the credit card (C) is displaceable between the roller pairs (1,2; 3,4) to such an extent that it is inserted in a first transfer position from the pair of infeed rollers (1, 2) into the guide tracks, is situated retained only at its edges in a second transfer position between the roller pairs (1,2; 3,4) with its entire surface freely accessible for laser inscribing, and can be seized in a third transfer position by the pair of outfeed rollers (3, 4).
2. A device according to claim 1, characterized in that the turning means (7) is disposed on the transfer conveyor (8, 12), which is a cradle (8A) on a cradle track (8), which is connected to the cradle drive (12).
3. A device according to claim 1, characterized in that the turning means (7) and the transfer means are mounted stationary and the transfer means in each case symmetrically positions the credit

card (C) between the guide tracks (5, 6) by means of a gripper and releases it during the turning process.

4. A device according to claim 3, characterized in that the gripper is coupleable in terms of a drive to the infeed drive rollers (1, 2).

5. A device according to claim 2, characterized in that the guide tracks (5, 6) are situated in a cage (9), which is mounted on a rotational axis (A) of a turning mechanism (10), which is supported with a motor-driven turning drive (11) on the cradle track (8), and that the rotational axis (A) in its extension crosses the two guide tracks (5, 6) in each case approximately in the center.

6. A device according to any of the above claims, characterized in that the guide tracks (5, 6) are low U-shaped sections whose width corresponds in a loose fit to the standardized card thickness.

7. A device according to any of the above claims, characterized in that the guide tracks (5, 6) are disposed in each case on plates (90, 91), which are held at a parallel distance from one another by means of spacers (92 - 95), and clearance areas (F) are left in each case adjacent to the guide tracks (5, 6) for the drive shafts (15, 25; 35, 45) of the roller pairs (1, 2; 3, 4) to pass through.

8. A device according to any of the above claims, characterized in that the cradle drive (12) and the turning drive (11) contain step motors that actuate in each case in the correct sequence the three

transfer positions and both turning positions of the credit card (C) in a step-by-step manner relative to reference positions being signaled by position indicators (13, 14).

9. A device according to any of the above claims, characterized in that the drive rollers (1, 3) in each case have a toothing (16, 36) of an elastic material.

10. A device according to any of the above claims, characterized in that the pairs of rollers (1, 2; 3, 4) and the cradle track (8) are mounted on a vertically positioned mounting wall (80) together with the roller drives, the photoelectric barriers (L1, L2) and position indicators (13, 14), as well as the cradle drive (12).

11. A device according to claim 10, characterized in that the cradle drive (12) consists of a step motor and a deflected toothed belt.

12. A device according to any of the above claims, characterized in that the drive motors of the drive rollers (1, 3) the turning drive (11) and the cradle drive (12) are operated via a control means that report in each case the reaching of the inscribing position (BP) and of the two turning positions to a laser inscribing control unit and process a completion signal coming from same.